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	John M Winter	3621	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-32 have been examined

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 8 recites the limitation " said first format " in claim 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 16 recites the limitation " said first format " in claim 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 24 recites the limitation " said first format " in claim 17. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 32 recites the limitation " said first format " in claim 25. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 9-12, 17-20, and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wesinger Jr (US Patent 5,778,367) in view of Official notice.

As per claim 1,
Wesinger Jr, et al. ('367) discloses a method of providing access to a collection of electronic business cards comprising the steps of:
providing an electronic business card file Web site to a user; (column 3, lines 9-16, also column 7 lines 39-42)
allowing the creation of an electronic business card file by the user using said Web site, said creation comprising:

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allowing the user to enter information into a plurality of fields;(figure 2L)
storing said information; (column 4, lines 6-10)
allowing the user to search for one or more records;(Figure 2K, also column 5, lines 53-

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allowing the user to view said records;(Figure 2N, also column 6 lines 10-15)
and if said creation is completed, allowing the setting of privacy levels by the user for
each said field, said setting comprising selecting one of more than two privacy levels (column 7
lines 48-58). Where the privacy levels are none and protected.

Official Notice is taken that "sending an authentication email to the user, wherein a reply
to said authentication email is required to complete said creation" is common and well known in
prior art in reference to authenticating users. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary
skill in the art at the time the invention was made to send an authentication email to the user
because this is an effective way of preventing the database from being used by bogus user IDs.

As per claims 9, 17, and 25, these claims are parallel with respect to claim 1

As per claim 2,

Wesinger Jr, et al. ('367)discloses the method of Claim 1
wherein said electronic business card file Web site is accessible from the
Internet.(column 3 lines 9-16)

As per claims 10, 18, and 26, these claims are parallel with respect to claim 2

As per claim 3,

Wesinger Jr, et al. ('367) discloses the method of Claim 1

Wesinger Jr, et al. ('367) does not disclose wherein said electronic business card file Web
site is accessible from an intranet isolated from the Internet by a firewall security device.

Official Notice is taken that "electronic business card file Web site is accessible from an
intranet isolated from the Internet by a firewall security device" is common and well known in
prior art in reference to internet security. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary
skill in the art at the time the invention was made to isolate the intranet from the Internet by a
firewall security device because this is an effective to protect the intranet's applications from
"hacker" type attacks.

As per claims 11, 19, and 27, these claims are parallel with respect to claim 3

As per claim 4,

Wesinger Jr, et al. ('367) discloses the method of Claim 1

wherein said electronic business card file Web site is accessible from a web browser.
(column 3 lines 9-16)

As per claims 12, 20, and 28, these claims are parallel with respect to claim 4

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Claim 5, 6, 13, 14, 21, 22, 29 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wesinger Jr (US Patent 5,778,367) as applied to claims 1, 9, 17, and 25 above, and further in view of WSD Application notes.

As per claim 5,

Wesinger Jr, et al. ('367) discloses the method of Claim 1,

Wesinger Jr, et al. ('367) does not specifically disclose "Web site is accessible from a personal digital assistant." The WSD Application notes discloses "Web site is accessible from a personal digital assistant." (paragraph 2). It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Wesinger et al. ('367) method with the WSD Application notes method in order to provide access to a website from a PDA, which would allow the website to be utilized by a greater number of transient people.

As per claims 13, 21, and 29, these claims are parallel with respect to claim 5

As per claim 6,

Wesinger Jr, et al. ('367) discloses the method of Claim 1,

Wesinger Jr, et al. ('367) does not specifically disclose "Web site is accessible from a browser enabled telephone." The WSD Application notes discloses "Web site is accessible from a browser enabled telephone." (paragraph 3). It would be obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the Wesinger et al. ('367) method with the WSD Application notes method in order to provide access to a website from a browser enabled telephone, which would allow the website to be utilized by a greater number of transient people.

As per claims 14, 22, and 30, these claims are parallel with respect to claim 6

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 15, 23, and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and complying with double patenting statutes.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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- Govindarajan et al. (US Patent 6,208,659) Data Processing system and method for providing personal information in a communication network.
- Moon et al. (US Patent 6,138,908) Method for updating communications facilitation data
- Moon et al. (US Patent 6,157,954) Communication control device including business card database with associated business card agents for controlling communicated electronic mail between user and card provider.
- Rowland et al. (US Patent 5,848,412) User controlled browser identification disclosing mechanism.
- Vandreuil et al. (US Patent 5,940,478) Method and system for extended addressing plans.
- Vcard the electronic business card, September 18, 1996.

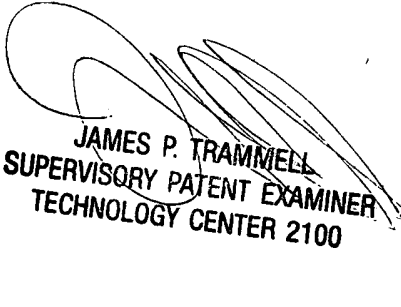
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John M Winter whose telephone number is (703) 305-3971. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-6, 1st Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P Trammel can be reached on (703)305-9768. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 746-5534 for regular communications and (703) 308-1396 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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